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Holly Greig (Head of Climate Change Strategy) and Iven Stead (Economic Adviser, Transport Appraisal and Strategic Modelling)
Department for Transport

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010019

Date: 22 February 2016

Dear Mr Stead

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway

Request for further information

I write to request further information from the Department for Transport (DfT) in respect of the examination of the above application.

Throughout the examination period the applicant, Highways England, has stated in response to our written and oral questioning that it has been trying to establish whether DfT is happy to share its response to the applicant confirming that the scheme would not have a material impact on the Government's ability to meet its carbon reduction target. The applicant has also stated in response to our questioning that it would be for DfT to advise as to whether there are any circumstances in which the assessment of CO₂ attributable to the scheme would need to be reassessed. I now understand from Highways England that DfT will not respond to this request unless it is made by the Examining Authority.

The examination must close on or before 3 March 2016. DfT is therefore requested to provide the following by midnight on 3 March 2016:

- 1. A copy of the DfT assessment of the carbon impact of the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway.**
- 2. An explanation of the circumstances in which DfT would require the carbon impact to be reassessed.**

Following recent issue specific hearings, the applicant provided DfT contact information to the Planning Inspectorate, attributing Holly Greig (Head of Climate Change Strategy) as the relevant respondent to point 1, and Iven Stead (Economic

Advisor, Transport Appraisal and Strategic Modelling) as the relevant respondent to point 2. This letter has therefore been sent to both individuals.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the case team using the contact information at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Burden

Wendy Burden
Lead member for the Examining Authority

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.